

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A soft capsule comprising a fill material filling a shell, wherein the fill material is in a solid or semi-solid form at room temperature and the fill material comprises a low melting point additive comprising a chocolate base, wherein said chocolate base has been subjected to aging at a temperature of ~~20~~ 30 to 40 °C.

2. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the soft capsule is a chewable capsule.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the content of the low melting point additive is 10% or more with respect to the total weight of the fill material.

5. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 4, wherein the content of the low melting point additive is 30% or more with respect to the total weight of the fill material.

6. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 5, wherein the content of the low melting point additive is 50% or more with respect to the total weight of the fill material.

7. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to any one of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6, wherein the melting point of the low melting point additive is about 20 to 50°C.

8. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to any one of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6, wherein the low melting point additive further comprises lard, coconut oil, macrogol, or combinations thereof.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the chocolate base is selected from the group consisting of cacao powder, bitter chocolate and cacao butter as well as a combination thereof.

11. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 10, wherein the cacao butter includes a major amount of V-type crystal and a minor amount of VI-type crystal.

12. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the fill material further comprises a sweetening agent.

13. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 12, wherein the sweetening agent is selected from the group consisting of aspartame, disodium glycyrrhizinate, saccharin sodium, stevia and thaumatin as well as a combination thereof.

14. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 13, wherein the fill material comprises cacao butter and aspartame.

15. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 12, wherein the fill material further comprises a saccharide.

16. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 15, wherein the saccharide is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, D-mannitol, xylitol, erythritol, D-sorbitol, maltose, reduced maltose syrup and maltitol as well as a combination thereof.

17. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 12, wherein the fill material further comprises an aromatic.

18. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 17, wherein the aromatic is chocolate flavor.

19. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the shell comprises the following components (A) and (B):

(A) gelatin; and

(B) one or more plasticizers selected from (b1) to (b3), wherein a total of 100 to 600 weight parts of the plasticizers is present in the shell with respect to 100 weight parts of gelatin:

(b1) glycerin,

(b2) saccharide plasticizer selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, D-mannitol, xylitol, erythritol, D-sorbitol, maltose, reduced maltose syrup, maltitol, sucrose alcohol and isomerized sugar as well as a combination thereof, and

(b3) glycol selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol and polyethylene glycol as well as a combination thereof.

20. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 19, wherein the plasticizers (B) include the glycerin (b1).

21. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 19, wherein the shell further comprises (C) water-insoluble cellulose, wherein 5 to 100 weight parts of water-insoluble cellulose is present in the shell with respect to 100 weight parts of the gelatin.

22. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 19, wherein the shell further comprises (D) a sweetener.

23. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 22, wherein the sweetener (D) is selected from the group consisting of saccharin sodium, stevia and thaumatin as well as a combination thereof.

24. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the fill material comprises a drug.

25. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 24, wherein the content of the drug is 60% or less with respect to the total weight of the fill material.

26. (Original) A soft capsule according to claim 25, wherein the drug is selected from the group consisting of an antipyretic analgesic drug component, a rhinitis drug component, an antitussive expectorant drug component and a vitamin component as well as a combination thereof.

27. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 1, wherein the fill material comprises a food.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a soft capsule according to claim 1, comprising the step of:  
filling the shell with the fill material.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 28, wherein the fill material comprises cacao butter and the method further comprises the step of:  
subjecting the fill material filling in the shell to aging at a temperature of 30 to 40 °C.

30. (Original) A method according to claim 29, wherein the aging is conducted for 10 hours or more.

31. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 8, wherein the low melting point additive is lard.

32. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 8, wherein the low melting point additive is coconut oil.

33. (Previously Presented) A soft capsule according to claim 8, wherein the low melting point additive is macrogol.